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the stook, but avoid cutting wheat in wet weather and make the sheaves small; large ones get soaked through in wet weather and retain the moisture, to the detriment of the sample, while smaller ones are easily dried. When bound, it should be set up in stocks, and, if the weather be fine, the stook need not be capped, but, on the appearance of rain, no time should be lost in doing so.

Barley should be cut when the straw, in its entire length, assumes a bright gold colour, and the ear bends down gently. The grain should be allowed to get firmer than wheat, but not too ripe, as it does not then produce so fine a coloured sample, and will not bring so good a price in the market, for malting purposes. When in a fit state, it should be cut expeditiously, bound in small sheaves, and stooked, as there is no grain so easily damaged by wet. If the weather be fine and dry, the stocks need not be capped or hooded for a day or two; but after that capping will be necessary, to preserve the colour.

Oats should be cut much earlier than it generally is, as it is easily shed when ripe, particularly when it has received much bad weather previously; though it is much harder than any other grain, it should not be neglected, as is too frequently the case. When cut, it should be bound at once, and stooked before night; it will be better not to cap it unless on the approach of heavy rain; it should be made into large stocks, so that it may not be easily knocked about by the wind.

Bere being, in most instances, already reaped, we only mention it here to urge those having harvested this useful crop to prepare the stubble, and sow it with rape, stone, yellow Altringham, or the new orange jelly turnip as soon as possible, so as to produce a large amount of food for the table or stock, as may be most in demand. The potato disease being now generally acknowledged, renders it imperative to raise the largest amount of food possible on all available surfaces; and the bere stubble presents the earliest and best opportunity for the above valuable stolen crops.

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